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Celebrating Learning Together

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday with your family. We are really looking forward to teaching your children this term.

Here are the topics we will cover this term in **Year 1 and 2**:

English – Traditional Tales and How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.

Maths – a strong focus on numbers to 20 for Year 1 and numbers to 100 for Year 2.

Science – Animals including humans; living things and their habitats and seasonal changes

Geography – we are focusing on London.

History – we will be learning about the Great Fire of London

Art – Klee Printing and painting focus

DT – Christmas bunting

RE – Special Holy Books and Christianity with a focus on Christmas towards the end of term.

PE – Gymnastics and circuits.

Computing – Technology all around us and digital painting.

Here are the topics that the **Reception** children will learning:



This term we have two over-arching themes, 'Getting to Know You' and 'Light and Dark'.

We use lots of different books to help us discover new ideas and knowledge. We also follow their interests, which can take us to some amazing places!

We will cover:

- Describing myself
- Things I like
- Shades of colour dark/light
- painting
- Old and New toys
- Our local area
- Making bunting/decorations
- Human body
- Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day
- Celebrations: Harvest, Diwali, Hannukah, Advent, Christmas
- Christmas around the world
- Seasonal changes – Autumn/Winter

Among many other things!



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Home-learning: the very best thing you can do for your Reception child is to read; with them, to them, listen to them read. Put simply, children who read regularly make more progress than those who don't. There is an expectation that children will read at home, ideally three times a week as a minimum. Maths games, I spy and counting anything and everything are all helpful too.

I will send home a phonics information/activity sheet on a Friday. These are to keep you informed of which sounds we are covering at school. The children will also come home with a 'minibook' paper reading booklet – these are just like school reading books and can be used for reading at home.

Home-school communication is really key to helping your child progress – please do message or talk to us at the start or end of school if you have any worries or questions.

We are looking forward to an exciting adventure in Teddy Reception!

Please ensure that your child has a **NAMED** water bottle in school each day, along with a suitable outdoor coat that needs to be in school **EVERY DAY** please.

PE Kits – PE kits will need to be worn on a **THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** all day instead of school uniform as before for years 1 and 2. Reception need to wear PE kits on a **FRIDAY**.

Reading – this is such an important part of your child's development and put simply, children who read regularly make more progress than those who don't. Please could reading books be in school **EVERY** day and reading books that have been borrowed from school must be returned. We listen to children read individually throughout the week and books are changed at least once a week. Therefore the children must bring their reading books to school every day. Every day we also have guided reading sessions in small groups

Parent Volunteers – we would welcome any parents or carers who could spare an hour a week or fortnightly to listen to some of the children read. You will need to be DBS checked which the school can arrange. Thank you in advance if you are able to help!

Home learning – In Year 1 and 2, we would encourage children to continue to read 3 times a week, spend 20 minutes on Nessy and/or Active Learn Maths. The children also have spelling bookmarks, these spellings are either phonics spellings with a focus on the sound they are learning that week or common exception words.

Communication - Please come and speak to a member of the Teddy Team if you have any problems or worries about your children that you would like to discuss. We are here to help! We will put informal messages and class updates on Dojo. Please can all urgent messages, appointments and absences be notified to the SCHOOL OFFICE and not via Dojo. Any informal, non-urgent messages can be sent through Class Dojo. You can always contact us by making an appointment with the office or sending a message via Dojo. The school office can be contacted in person, by telephone or by email: admin@shebbear-pri.devon.sch.uk

On the last day of term Teddy Class will do a Nativity in the Church.

With best wishes,

Mrs Fuller, Miss Graburn, Mrs Wood (teachers)
Mrs Barnes, Mrs Quance, Mrs Whiting (teaching assistants)

(The Teddy Class Team)



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